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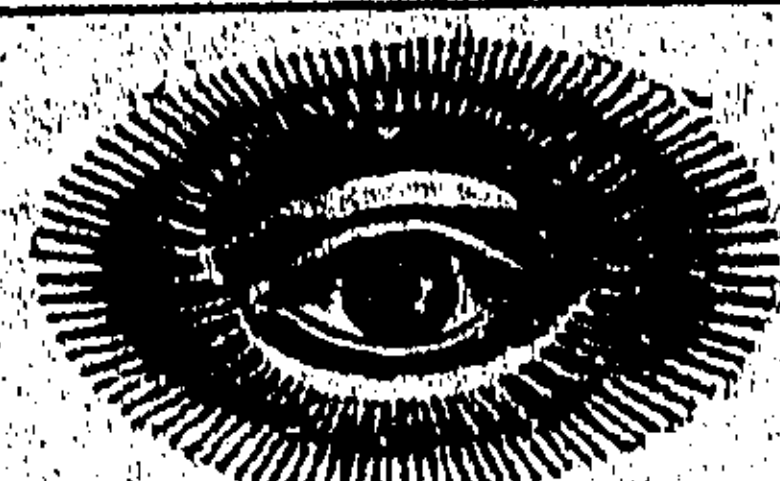
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YANGTSE DANGERS. REFUGEES LEAVING ANKING STONED. HANKOW ANXIETY.

MURDER AT \$10 A TIME IN SHANGHAI.

Yangtse tension continues, the latest incident being the stoning of British and American refugees going aboard an American destroyer at Anking. Anxiety is still felt at Hankow, where everything is being got in readiness for a sudden evacuation, a further crisis being expected on May 1. According to the evidence of a case heard in Shanghai murders of loyal workers are committed for \$10 a time at the instance of General Labour Union members.

REFUGEES STONED.

Incident During Anking Evacuation.

Shanghai, March 31. A message from Peking states that the American destroyer "Hubert" took off 47 British and American refugees from Anking. The refugees were stoned before embarking.—Reuter.

HANKOW ANXIETY.

Yet Another Crisis To Be Expected.

Rugby, March 30. A telegram from Hankow states that the British Consul-General there had a meeting with the leading British merchants on March 27 and urged them to send away at once all employees who were not absolutely necessary for such diminished business as there was, so that if a sudden evacuation should become necessary, the numbers would be reduced to a minimum. All is quiet at Hankow at present, and Chinese feeling is easier, but it is expected that a critical time will be May 1, when the fourth all-China Labour Convention meets there.—British Wireless Service.

SHANGHAI MURDERS.

The Price for Killing A Loyal Worker.

Shanghai, March 31. Ten dollars a time is the price of assassination in Shanghai according to the evidence of a case just dealt with by the Provisional Court in which a Chinese was convicted of the murder of a loyal fore-woman of a British cotton mill.

The sentence was imprisonment for life. The prisoner confessed that he shot the woman at the instance of a prominent member of the General Labour Union who gave him \$10 beforehand, promising him a further \$10 on the return of the pistol with which he was furnished.—Reuter.

CHIANG KAI-SHEK.

Politicians and the Foreign Settlements.

Berlin, March 30. General Chiang Kai-shek, interviewed by the "Vossische Zeitung," Shanghai correspondent said he was preparing plans for the conquest of North China, but he needed time.

He denied that he had an understanding with Marshal Chang Tso-lin.

He said he was without means to conquer the foreign Settlements, which could be left to the politicians.

As regards propaganda, General Chiang Kai-shek desires to oust all foreign news agencies and establish national Chinese agencies.

He admitted that he was having difficulties with the Communists.—Reuter.

POSITION REVIEWED.

Taking No Chances At Foochow.

The following wireless messages have been received by the local naval authorities:—
The situation at Foochow is quiet.

The Consul is in close touch with the authorities and does not anticipate trouble.

The Commissioner for Foreign Affairs and the Chinese naval authorities appear well disposed and have given assurances that they will suppress any disturbances. A plan of evacuation in

the event of it proving necessary has, however, been prepared.

A marine guard, consisting of twenty-nine men, has been placed ashore to prevent any Nationalist demonstration from approaching the foreign quarters.

Yangtse Ports.

Ichang remains quiet. The "Tuckwo" incident is being revived.

The Commissioner for Foreign Affairs is leaving down-river.

All British subjects at Chang-sha, with the exception of the Consul and Mother Superior have left down-river for Shanghai. One gunboat remains.

Ten British and thirty-nine others—foreign missionaries from Anking—have reached Kiang from up-country and will leave later for Shanghai.

Although no decision with regard to the "Kutwo" incident has been reached at Wuhu, there have been friendly conversations between the Consul and the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs.

Six Spanish priests, including one who was wounded in the course of recent rioting, have left Wuhu for Shanghai.

Looting at Nanking.

There has as yet been no intercourse at Nanking between the British and Southern authorities owing to the non-appearance of the latter.

Conditions in the City are still unsafe for foreigners and it is understood that looting of the British consulate continues.

Rifle and machine gun fire on ships continues and, to put a stop to this, one of the guns of H.M.S. "Lion" is being trained on all British ships under way.

"Surplus" members of the community at Hankow are leaving for Shanghai. There is no other change to record.

Mr. T. V. Soong at Shanghai.

Shanghai, March 31. Mr. T. V. Soong, the Nationalist Minister of Finance, a brother of Madame Sun Yat-sen, and a member of the Right Wing has arrived here from Hankow.—Reuter.

LATEST UNION.

Tenants to Pay Only Half Rent.

Shanghai, March 31. The latest of Shanghai's numerous new unions is an "association for fifty per cent. rent reduction."

"The members who are all tenants in the Chinese City, to-day passed a resolution only to pay half the usual rents to the landlords. If the latter do not accept this they will pay nothing.—Reuter.

Troops Fire at Steamer.

Shanghai, March 31. A brief message from Nanking states that two British steamers leaving Nanking this morning were fired on by Chinese troops.—Reuter.

TIENSIN'S FATE.

Timely Word To Sir Austen Chamberlain.

Tientsin, March 31. The leading British paper, the "Peking and Tientsin Times," envisaging the melancholy prospect of retrocession of the Tientsin British Concession, speculates on the disastrous results of the "fatal policy of patience and conciliation" in leading the extremists to believe that British subjects exist only to be outraged and their property to be looted with impunity.

The paper asks whether Wuhu, Nanking, and Chinkiang have failed to convince Sir Austen Chamberlain that his belief in the Hankow agreement is illusory.

The paper suggests that he apply his own dictum, namely to be assured that Chinese authority can preserve order wherever that authority is extended before any surrender is made of further interests.—Reuter.

(Continued from page 7.)

STRIKE THREAT.

C.N. Officers And Cut in Pay.

DRASTIC ACTION TO-MORROW?

Shanghai, March 31. A strike of China Navigation Co. deck officers and engineers is threatened for to-morrow in connection with the ten per cent salary reduction announced some time ago by the Company, owing to trade depression.

However, the officers announce that they will always be willing, in case of emergency, to operate the

OUR \$50 PRIZE.

Cross-Word Puzzle Competition Result.

The result of the "China Mail's" tenth Cross-Word Puzzle Competition will be found on page 6 of this issue. Five competitors tied for first place, with fully correct solutions.

ships for the purpose of evacuating foreigners of any nationality, or for Naval or Military purposes.—Reuter.

"An Open Secret."

The cut is to take effect as from to-morrow, April 1. Mr. John Watson, secretary of the Marine Engineers' Guild of China and acting secretary of the China Coast Officers' Guild, stated:—

"It was an open secret that in the autumn of last year the China Navigation Co. proposed to bring a ten per cent. reduction of the salaries of all officers in its employ into effect from January 1. The reason given for the proposed reduction at that time was that the Co. in consequence of the prolonged boycott of British shipping companies at Canton and Swatow, had incurred heavy losses on the shipping service which normally would have been serving those ports.

Strenuously Opposed.

"The proposed reduction was strenuously opposed by both Guilds, and after protracted negotiations, and in view of the fact that to

AN INDIAN HELEN.

Serious Religious Fracas Over Woman.

Karachi, March 30. Forty-seven people have been sent to hospital with injuries as a result of a serious Hindu and Moslem fracas at Larkana, Upper Sind, as a result of a dispute over the possession of a woman, and her three children.—Reuter.

wards the end of 1926 both Canton and Swatow were once more open to British shipping and that no other port or ports were closed; the Company, in a letter dated December 22 and addressed to both Guilds, withdrew the proposed reduction, but reserved the right again to consider the matter in three months' time."

The three months elapsed and the Company wrote, giving notice of the reduction as from to-morrow. [The Guilds' full statement appeared in the Monday's "China Mail."]

STOP PRESS.

French Concession "Storming."

REPORTS DENIED.

Shanghai, March 31.

The reported storming of the French Concession defences by the mob last night is denied in the course of a statement issued to Reuters by the French Consul-General this morning.

It is explained that a small crowd of loafers gathered and began storming the defences, but a sentry fired a shot into the air and the crowd dispersed.

The statement also denies the report that the Consul-General interfered personally in the affair which he describes as a small Police incident.

Regarding forcible removal of two iron gates from the borders of the Concession, on the evening of the 29th, the French explanation is that the gates no longer formed part of the main defences which were being superseded by barbed wire entanglements immediately behind.—Reuter.

NANKING LOOTING.

SOLDIERS COMMIT ORGANIZED OUTRAGES.

FURTHER DETAILS.

POWERS CONSIDERING STEPS TO BE TAKEN.

Further details regarding the looting of Nanking show that the outrages against foreigners were worse than was at first realised. Sworn statements of the British Consul-General, the United States Consul-General and many responsible British and American residents show that the looting was carried out by uniformed soldiers belonging to the command of General Chang Chien. The looters, who were in small parties controlled by the blowing of whistles, were called off shortly after the firing from the warships began.

SWORN STATEMENTS.

Horrors Worse Than First Realized.

Rugby, March 30.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, Foreign Secretary, stated in the House of Commons that he was now in a position to supplement the statement he made the other day regarding the incidents at Nanking with facts, derived in part directly from the British Minister in Peking, and by American and Japanese representatives.

The looting was carried out by soldiers in uniform. This fact was sworn to by the British Consul-General, the United States Consul and numerous responsible British and American residents.

The looters were in small parties controlled by the blowing of whistles, and they were called off by a bugle after the firing from the warships began.

Foreign Women Assaulted.

The British Consul-General was surrounded, and sentries were posted. About thirty soldiers spent the previous night in the Vice-Consul's house, which was unoccupied at the time, and raised the revolutionary flag on the entry of the looters.

Foreign women, including Mrs. Giles, wife of the British Consul-General, were thoroughly searched and rudely stripped of their valuables. Many had their clothes torn off. These facts could be established by sworn depositions.

It had been learnt that foreigners were not molested by Northern troops, nor by the local inhabitants, but that the latter were friendly throughout, and assisted foreigners.

The looting and destruction were worse than at first realised. The attacks on foreigners were carefully organised.

Consulate Special Objective.

The British Consulate-General was the special objective. The consular party had lost everything. They were robbed of their valuables at the point of guns. Their houses were burned after being looted, and the furniture was used for firewood. Mr. Huber, the Harbour Master, was killed.

In regard to the treatment suffered by Americans at Nanking, information was that after the murder of an American missionary and the attempted murder of many others by Nationalist soldiers, the Chinese Police warned the American Consul that his party would be destroyed unless he could escape.

Accordingly his party of one officer, eleven sailors, nine civilians and two children, escaped under constant fire across country to Soony House, on the Standard Oil Company's Hill above the city walls, where American and British already were.

Although robbed and repeatedly threatened by the Nationalist soldiers, the Consulate, with the Vice-Consul and the Standard Oil Company Manager, managed to keep the Chinese out of his house for two hours. Finally they broke in. Seeing a number of people in the house they retired and commenced firing upon them in ever increasing numbers.

United States and British vessels then, dropped shells immediately around the house and the party were enabled to escape over the wall.

American Consul Fired At.

The Nationalist soldiers deliberately fired at the United States Consul knowing him to be the Consul, and with the intention of killing him. When this happened he had just given his card and asked to see their officers.

The United States Consulate was deliberately looted, although it was known by the Nationalist officers. No effective steps were taken to afford protection.

Murder, robbery and other outrages were committed on American and other foreigners in all parts of the city from eight o'clock in the morning, and no official attempts to restrain them were made until after the naval barrage at half past four in the afternoon.

The American Consul-General tried all day, through official and other channels, to see some responsible officer, but no one would see him.

From statements made to him and many other Americans by soldiers, and from the fact that soldiers proceeded in bands, the movements of which were directed and prompted by the sounding of bugle calls, he was convinced that these outrages were planned and could not possibly have been the result of the accidental getting out of hand of the troops.

Japanese Ordeal. With regard to the Japanese the following was the position. On March 24 about 150 soldiers belonging to the Nationalist Army occupied the Japanese Consulate for four and half hours. They were in uniform, wore military caps and were armed with rifles.

They began looting at once. One party attacked the offices and residences of the staff, and others attacked the residence of the Consul, who was ill in bed and fired at him, at members of his staff, at a naval officer and marines, and at Japanese civilians who were at the Consulate, and threatened them with bayonets.

The mob took away everything belonging to members of the Consulate and civilians.

A Japanese school, hotel and two private hospitals were completely looted and turned into military headquarters. The soldiers at length threatened to set fire to the Consulate.

At this point the Chief of the Political Bureau of the Sixth Division of the Second Nationalist Army intervened, followed by the Commander of the Sixth Division, and guards were posted for the protection of the Consulate. The next afternoon the Consular party made their way to Japanese destroyers in the river.

Sir Austen Chamberlain added that he had sworn statements by Mrs. Giles, wife of the British Consul-General, and Mr. Brown, a British citizen.

Lieut. Commander Kenworthy (Labour) asked what was the next step it was proposed to take.

Sir Austen Chamberlain replied that the steps which it might be proper for the British Government and other Governments to take whose citizens had been treated in this way and whose flag had been outraged, were under consideration.

Chinese Regret. Geneva, March 30. The Chinese delegate, Mr. Chao Hsin-chu, has published a telegram from the Chambers of Commerce in Shanghai and Chapei, and the bankers, stock exchange, cotton mill owners and various other guilds regretting the Nanking outrage and urging patience and continued confidence in the Chinese.

Mr. Chao Hsin-chu replied, asking commercial and industrial men to urge the Nationalists to protect foreigners and prevent a recurrence of the Nanking incident.—Reuter.

Sworn Statements Issued. London, March 30. The Foreign Office has issued sworn statements by Mrs. Giles, wife of the Consul-General, and Mr. Brown, a British citizen, regarding the Nanking outrages.—Reuter.



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HEIN WONG,
Hon. Secretary.
Hong Kong, 30th March, 1927.

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SIR JOHN JARDINE.

HORSES AND HOUNDS TO BE
SOLD.

The Press Association states that the late Sir Robert Jardine's son and heir, Sir John Jardine, who has decided to sell most of his horses, is also cutting down his expenses in other branches of sport with equal determination. His greyhounds, for example, are all to be sold. His pack of hounds in Dumfriesshire is being greatly reduced, and other economies are being put into immediate effect.

The late Sir Robert had a considerable stud farm at New England, which is a mile beyond Egerston House. It has been managed and will continue to be managed by Mr. Alfred Smallwood. Nearly all the mares, some twenty-eight in number, will be put up for auction at the Newmarket December Sales. Of the eleven yearlings, ten will be offered at the July Sales, leaving only a filly by Hurry On out of the One Thousand Guineaes winner Canna. The New England paddocks will thus be empty by the end of the year, but Oulterate, who is at present standing at the Health Farm Stud, will go there in the New Year, and the paddocks and boxes which will come to visit him. As regards the horses in training only two will be retained—Wood Nymph and Lifebelt. These will join Nothing Venture and Sir John's own few horses in training with Felix Leach, sen. The remainder will go up for sale at Newmarket on the morning of the Two Thousand Guineaes. West Countryman and Star of Pride, at present with Couthwaite, will also be sold.

NICARAGUA'S WARFARE.

Washington, March 30.
A United States naval seaplane has been hit a dozen times by rifle fire by the 200 Liberal troops of Nicaragua. The machine, which returned the fire, was damaged but the aviators were unhurt.—Reuters American Service.

"HANDS OFF CHINA."

Those Anti-British
Britons.

SPITEFUL IGNORANCE.

If there is one thing more than any other that perpetually astonishes me it is the everlasting propaganda against England of a certain type of Englishman, writes "John Blunt" in the "Daily Mail." No sooner do we get into trouble with any other country than a lot of semi-intellectuals and bad-tempered Socialists immediately, without knowing anything at all about the rights of the dispute, announce that their country is in the wrong and forthwith espouse (with words) the cause of their country's antagonist.

Naturally the present trouble in China has given all these mischief-makers an ignoble opportunity of reviving English policy. They know perfectly well that the Government is doing everything to keep the peace, and to uphold the rights of England, and yet they do nothing but impute the vilest motives and to yapp in unison, like a pack of cur dogs, "Hands off China!"

First to Squeal.
It is not as if they cared about China—they are only using it as a means of abusing England. Tomorrow it might be some other country altogether that they were lauding to the skies—as long as by so doing they could stab England in the back.

And yet these same agitators, these base-minded people who love to injure the land of their birth, are the first to squeal and to call for the protection of England if ever they get into trouble when they are abroad. They have no sense, or shame; they bite the hand that feeds them, they vilify the country that tolerates them while they are in it and guards their interests when they are absent.

Moreover, they are incredibly silly. They rush into a verbal fray against their country simply because it is their country, and cannot in the least understand that English trade in other parts of the world may vitally affect the prosperity of English workmen in England. They are the slaves of empty catchwords; but the liberty they call for applies only to their country's enemies and the freedom they desire is only freedom to be offensive to England.

Any Lever Does.
In various parts of the country futile little cliques of extremists and highbrows are holding indignation meetings against our reasonable and conciliatory attitude to China. They are making speeches which show a dense and gratuitous ignorance of the whole subject, and are in general comporting themselves like spiteful idiots.

But, of course, having evil intentions themselves, they disbelieve in the good intentions of other people and always assume the worst. And what does it matter to them if they are wrong? Is not China an excellent lever to use against England?

PRISON STRUGGLE.

SIX MURDERERS ATTEMPT
TO ESCAPE.

TWO POLICEMEN WOUNDED.

London, March 12.
Chicago.—Three American and three Mexican murderers awaiting execution in the Police Penitentiary engaged in a terrific struggle with the warders and police in an attempt to escape.

One procured a revolver and forced a warder to release the five others. The whole of the prison staff and extra police were needed to subdue the desperadoes, who did not yield till they had been beaten to the ground.

The three Mexicans are still at large. One wounded two policemen in the streets.

PICADORS OBJECT.

ANTI-CRUELTY MEASURES IN
BULLRING.

London, March 11.
Madrid.—A promoter's scheme to prevent the goring of horses in the bullring is encountering resistance from the picadors and vested interests.

For the first time leather cuirasses were used and the crowds were curious to see what would happen.

The picadors evaded the new rules drawn up in conjunction with the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and did not attempt to keep the bulls off their horses, with the result that the latter repeatedly were gored, six being killed and all the others being badly wounded.

TRAGIC FATE.

AN ATTEMPT TO LIBERATE
SLAVES.

Rangoon, March 30.
Captain West and two Indians have been killed and three wounded, while a civil interpreter is missing, as the result of an attack on the expedition which set out early in January for the Naga Hills, in the Kachin Country, in connection with the liberation of slaves.

The affair occurred in the district where slavery still exists. —Reuters.

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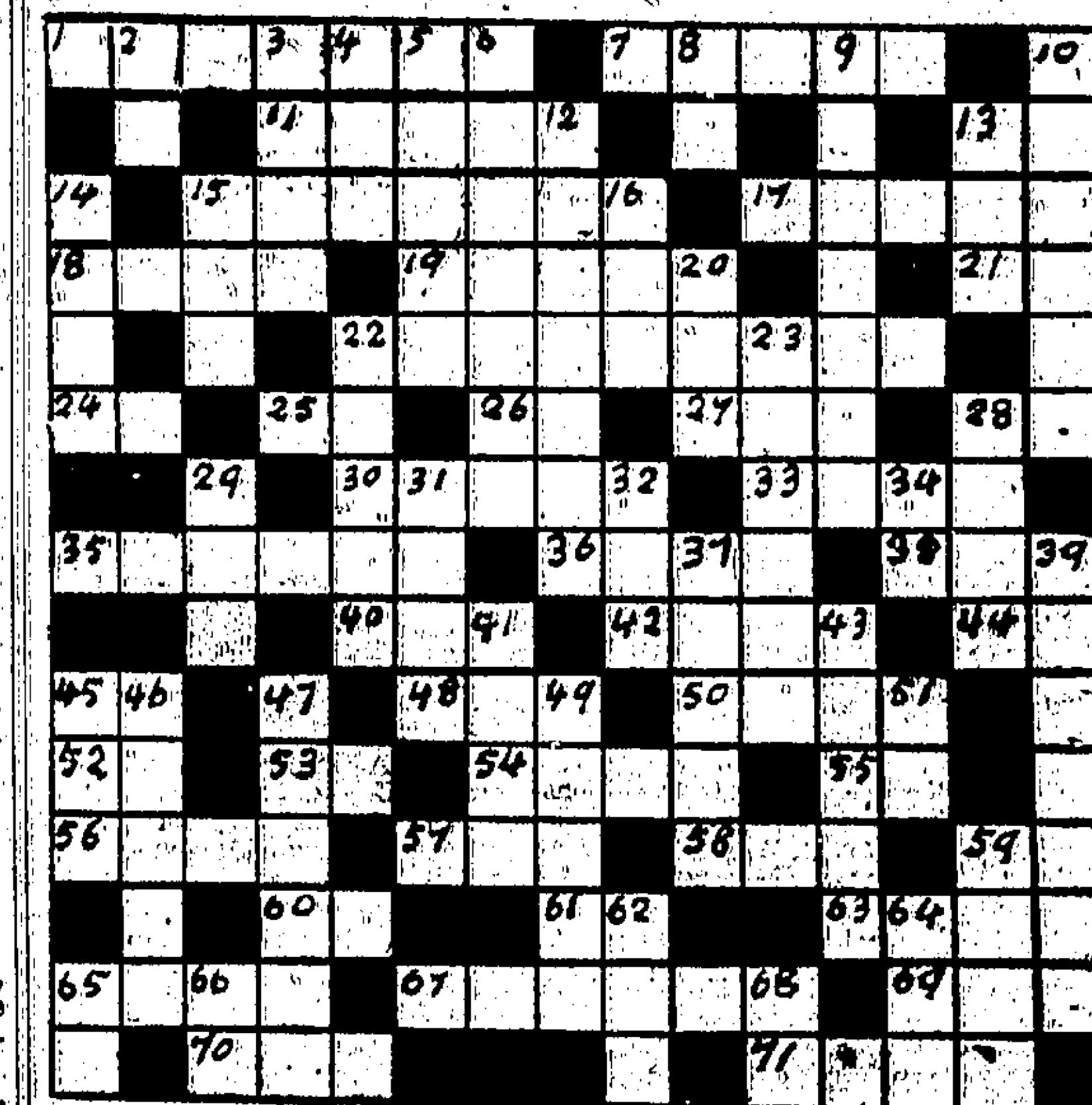
London, March 30.
The bishops, in Convocation, adopted a resolution to forward the Revised Prayer Book to the National Assembly for final approval. The voting in the Canterbury provinces showed 21 to 4 in favour of the resolution. York province gave it a unanimous affirmation and the Lower Houses of Convocation concurred by overwhelming majorities. —Reuters.

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- | Clues Across. | Clues Down. |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| 1. Moves violently. | 2. We. |
| 7. Nimble. | 3. Any critical trial. |
| 11. Soil. | 4. To lie up. |
| 13. OE (actual). | 5. Scientific name for heath. |
| 15. A medicine used for neuralgia. | 6. Difficulties. |
| 17. To rebuke. | 8. Present of "Be." |
| 18. To desire. | 9. A tormentor of political candidates. |
| 19. Weight used for precious stones. | 10. To degrade. |
| 21. DU (actual). | 12. Shaggy. |
| 22. A band for the waist. | 13. Ancient. |
| 24. Towards. | 14. A piece of ground. |
| 26. TU (actual). | 15. A timber tree. |
| 27. To perish. | 16. NAT (actual). |
| 28. "r" | 20. Torpedo boat destroyer (abbrev.) |
| 30. Mouldy. | 22. Of the feminine sex. |
| 33. A large plant with a woody trunk. | 23. One or the other. |
| 35. A disease of the skin. | 25. Food. |
| 36. Every one separately considered. | 26. Practical skill. |
| 38. A chum. | 27. Employed. |
| 40. NER (actual). | 28. To yelp. |
| 42. A tiled man. | 30. EP (actual). |
| 44. Thank you! | 32. CEILS (actual). |
| 46. SG (actual). | 34. A short rope used for fastening articles. |
| 48. A quadruped's parent. | 41. To be mad. |
| 50. The rainbow. | 43. One mounted on horseback. |
| 52. Alternative. | 45. The sun. |
| 54. Company (abbrev.) | 46. Meat juice. |
| 56. A thin covering. | 47. Views. |
| 58. To perform. | 48. Measured. |
| 60. To throw out. | 51. In this manner. |
| 62. To place. | 53. A piece of glass. |
| 64. Look! | 55. DDS (actual). |
| 66. Father. | 57. A snake like fish. |
| 68. Word of negation. | 59. To proceed. |
| 70. ED (actual). | 61. RU (actual). |
| 72. The back part. | 63. Editor (abbrev.) |
| 74. A circular motion. | |
| 76. To be busy about trifles. | |
| 78. The last point. | |
| 80. To employ. | |
| 82. Grief. | |

Competitors are reminded that the prize is to be awarded for the correct solution or if nobody succeeds in getting the correct solution, for the NEAREST correct solution. Therefore, even if you have not done the cross-word puzzle in full, send in what you have done—it may prove to be the nearest correct solution.

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SHANGHAI AGAIN!

Commander Kenworthy, the
Labour turncoat, appears to be
bent on making as much mischief
as he can. It is becoming clearer
every day that the House of Com-
mons is no place for him, and that
he would feel considerably more
at home within the confines of a
lunatic asylum. At a moment
when the Powers are bent on
securing the evacuation of their
nationals from the danger zones
in China owing to the utter un-
willingness and absolute inability
of the Nationalists to guarantee
the safety of foreigners the mem-
ber for Central Hull, returns to
his pet subject of Shanghai, which
has become a perfect obsession
with him. Apparently he is los-
ing nights and nights of sleep
wondering when the British Gov-
ernment will begin negotiations
for the rendition of a Settlement
that is by no means British but
International—and therefore
quite outside the sphere of purely
British negotiation.

No one can greatly object if
Commander Kenworthy elects to
reveal his gross ignorance of the
entire Chinese problem. But
serious protest must be made
when it is evident that his sole
object is to "pin-prick" the Gov-
ernment in a too zealous desire to
curry favour with the Com-
munists. He is rapidly develop-
ing into a busybody of the worst
possible type that cares not a jot
whether he prejudices the case for
his own nation, both at home and
abroad. The safety of foreigners
in Shanghai and on the Yangtze

is nothing to him so long as he
is permitted to air his own pecu-
liar views and ask insane questions
on the floor of the House of Com-
mons.

Creations of the calibre of J. M.
Kenworthy, Tom Mann, A. J.
Cook, and S. Saklatvala are not
worthy of British citizenship or
British protection. They know
not patriotism. They are trait-
ors, and, as such, should be dealt
with accordingly. It is curious
that whilst Mr. Kenworthy—he is
no longer worthy of the title of
"Commander"—raves over Shang-
hai and the bogey of negotiating
with something or somebody that
does not exist at the moment, Mr.
Chao Hsin-chu, the Chinese de-
legate to the League of Nations,
should be inspired to appeal for
the protection of foreigners in
China and for steps to be taken
to avoid a repetition of the Nan-
king horrors, which have now
been clearly proven to have been
the work of Nationalist soldiers.
Unlike Mr. Kenworthy, a member
of the British Parliament, Mr.
Chao Hsin-chu is not worrying
over what may be the fate of
Shanghai, which doubtless he has
sense enough to recognise will be
settled in due course—when there
is a stable regime imbued with
the virtues of common sense and
integrity. Mr. Chao Hsin-chu
does not close his eyes—as does
Mr. Kenworthy—to the fact that
there can be no question of nego-
tiation in regard to Shanghai or any
other place so long as the Ex-
tremists rule the roost in Hankow,
depriving even Mr. Eugene Chen
of the slightest vestige of power
over Nationalist policy. All that
matters is the safety of foreign-
ers, including Mr. Kenworthy's
own countrymen and country-
women, and it is time that he lost
sight of Shanghai and concen-
trated on much more vital prob-
lems.

False Promises.

The latest issue of "Industrial
and Labour Information," a publi-
cation of the International Labour
Office, contains index figures of
the rising cost of living in Russia,
accompanied by the warning of
Dzerzhinsky, president of the
Supreme Economic Council, that
there could be no question of in-
creasing wages until the output of
the workers has increased and
general economic conditions have
improved. In this the Economic
Council has received the support
of M. Tomsky, chairman of the
Soviet Trade Unions. "Industrial
and Labour Information" quotes
the following passage from
"The China Mail" of March 24, in which M. Tomsky said

down the decision of the Central
Council of the Trade Unions:—

"M. Tomsky stated that the
executive of the council was
fully convinced that the wages
of certain classes of workers
should be increased, particularly
metal workers, miners, rail-
waymen, and postal, telegraph,
and telephone employees. He
declared, however, that it was
dangerous to proceed too quick-
ly in the matter. The effect of
such a course would be to risk
putting industry in a difficult
position, causing delays in the
payment of wages, and under-
mining the general currency
stability. Increases in wages
should be limited to the classes
of workers enumerated above.
"The rest," he said, "must
wait." M. Tomsky stated fur-
ther that the Central Council
would proceed with severity
against unions which en-
deavoured to obtain excessive
increases in wages, and did not
comply with the decisions of the
council and of the Soviet Gov-
ernment.

This makes curious reading in
the light of Moscow's campaign
in China. One of the bribes with
which the Communist propagand-
ists incite the workers to violence
is the promise of higher and still
higher wages. M. Tomsky's
statement quoted above shows the
empty nature of these promises.
When it comes to hard economic
facts, whatever the propagandists
may say in China, the Soviet must
bow to the inevitable like anyone
else. The Chinese workers who
are being deluded by false pro-
mises should take heed according-
ly.

RUBBER MARKET.

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SINGAPORE.

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ceipt of telegraphic advices from
Singapore that Rubber is now
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Bukit Katik	1.25
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Indragiri	12.25
Jerams	2.00
Jimahs	2.90
Kedahs	4.75
Kempas	9.30
Kuala Sidims	4.15
Lunas	4.00
Malaka Pindas	2.80
Malakoffs	4.90
Manai Tekong	0.75
Mayfields	14.80
Mentakabs	0.65
New Serendahs	5.40
Pajamas	2.55
Pangors	1.50
Sanderoffs	3.10
Sundals	3.05
Tangai Bagans	4.45
Tanahs	3.50
Tambalaks	1.60
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United Malaccas	2.75
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The following dividends have
been declared:—
Alor Gajahs..... 10% Interim.
Malaka Pindas..... 8% "
Basettas..... 5% "
Kuala Sidims..... 25% "

REVOLUTIONARY HEROES.

Canton, March 30.
"Yesterday being the anniversary
of the martyrdom of the seventy-
two revolutionary heroes, Govern-
ment officials, Kuomintang mem-
bers, students, workers, peasants,
merchants, cadets, soldiers, men-
torants, and other organisations, men
and women citizens attended the
ceremony at the mausoleum erected
on Sun Flower Mountain to pay a
tribute of respect and gratitude to
the memory of the seventy-two
heroes, who lost their lives seven-
teen years ago in an attempt to
throw down the imperial regime."
"In spite of bad weather prevail-
ing all the morning over 100,000
pilgrims marched to Sun Flower
Mountain. The procession was
orderly and police and military
forces only watched the uninterr-
upted march of the pilgrims.—
Canton Information Bureau.

"LOVE BIRDS" STOLEN.

Fifteen blue badgers worth
\$7,200 were reported to have been
stolen from the deck house of the
French steamer "Amazon" which
was in harbour yesterday afternoon.
These valuable "love birds" are said
to be the property of the ship's
cook.

DOG BITES SMALL BOY.

A dog belonging to Mrs. Brown,
of No. 3 Ahman Building, which
is a small boy, was yesterday
taken to the Matankok Depot for
observation. The boy went to the
Banyan Wah Hospital for treat-
ment.

OUR \$50 PRIZE.

Result of the Tenth
Puzzle.

FIVE TIE FOR FIRST PLACE.

The "China Mail" has pleasure in
announcing the result of its tenth
Cross-Word Puzzle Competition
which has been won by five com-
petitors with fully correct solu-
tions:—

Miss A. H. J. Small,
159, Wongchichong Road.

Mr. W. C. Lai,
Lugard Hall,
The University.

Mr. N. S. Lim,
Ellet Hall,
The University.

Mr. A. Barker,
Lugard Hall,
The University.

Mr. K. S. Leung,
Ellis Kadoorie School.

The \$50 prize will be divided
among the five winners, and in
accordance with the rules cheques
will be sent to them four days
hence, under registered cover, to-
gether with the congratulations of
the "China Mail."

The correct solutions are as
follows:—

Across.
1. MAKIMONO; 9. HEND; 11.
BI; 12. ARSENALS; 15. GURLY;
17. OSITE; 19. STOOPED; 22. HA;
23. GO; 24. MELON; 25. NEE; 26.
SLURS; 29. ESNECY; 32. EKES;
33. LA; 35. EARL; 36. COCK; 38.
BMS; 40. INORB; 42. ROUST; 44.
Sesia; 45. AYRY; 46. AGE; 48.
B P; 49. ABB; 51. CURR; 55.
SOLEIN; 54. DIET; 56. ISN; 58.
IA; 60. PREACE; 63. SPAHI; 64.
OBOES; 65. OLPE; 66. US; 67.
N A; 68. STUGGY; 69. FRITH.

Down.

2. ABUSE; 3. KIRTLE; 4.
MAYONNAISE; 5. OR; 6. N S; 7.
O E; 8. HASH; 9. H S T; 10. NO;
13. NO; 14. LIAS; 16. LOOSE; 18.
SOSS; 20. ENCLOSE; 21. DEY; 23.
GREASYB; 24. MALEFACTION;
27. LKROY; 28. U K; 30. ERNE; 31.
DO; 34. AM; 36. C P A; 37.
CPAPE; 39. SEARD; 41. RIPS;
43. UKANIA; 47. GRIPES; 50.
BANISH; 52. ATB; 55. PRST; 57.
SHUT; 59. ABA; 61. COG; 62.
ELY; 63. S E F.

CAMPS DESERTED.

MIDDLESEX & CAMERONIANS
IN BILLET.

LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT.

With the exception of details left
behind for the purpose of clearing
up, the camps at Fanling and Sun-
wei are now deserted, heavy rains
having rendered necessary the de-
parture of the 1st Middlesex and
1st Camerons respectively. They
will be taking up quarters in the
Peninsula Hotel.

The first of the concerts ar-
ranged by the Naval and Military
Y.M.C.A. took place at the "Ritz"
"Ole" (Y.M.C.A. hut, Peking Road)
on Tuesday evening.

The artists were Messrs. G.
McLeod, W. Johnson, H. D. Gardner,
and Mrs. Sanger (vocals); Mrs.
Baleen (violin), Mr. O. Eager
(humorist), and Mr. R. Sutherland
(entertainer).

The accompanists were Mrs.
Griggs, Mrs. Austin and Mr. George
Grimsby. Concerts will be given
weekly in future at the Peking Road
Y.M.C.A. and arrangements are
being made to hold similar concerts
on this side of the harbour.

Artists who would care to assist
in these entertainments are asked
to communicate with Mr. T. B.
Harmon, secretary of the Entertain-
ment Committee, Y.M.C.A.

Service men were invited to the
final dress rehearsal last night of
"H.M.S. Pinafore" by the local
Philharmonic Society.

"ROWDY PEOPLE."

A money loan association and
some chickens figured in an
assault case before Major Wilson
yesterday afternoon in which two
Chinese employed in the Dairy
Farm at Pokfulam were charged
with assaulting a woman.

According to the woman they
were all members of a money loan
association the head of which
absconded with the members'
money. She lost some fifty to
sixty dollars and was naturally
very indignant about it. When
she spoke to the defendants about
it they sat upon her, assisted by
the first man's wife who pulled
her hair.

Asked what reason they had
for assaulting her, the complaint
said they were rowdy people, and
added as an afterthought that
perhaps they had enticed the head
of the Association to abscond.

Pressed further the woman
said that even previous to this the
men had been hostile to her and
her husband because they suspected
them of having reported to the
manager that the defendants were
keeping chickens on the farm con-
trary to regulation. Complaint
added: "They always terro-
rised the people in the neighbour-
hood, and I am afraid that they
mean to destroy our family. First
defendant attempted to strike me
with an iron hammer but was pre-
vented by other people."
The Magistrate fined the de-
fendants \$5 each.

SHANGHAI SCANDAL.

Second Post Office
Strike.

FURTHER POINTED COMMENT.

No apology need be offered for
returning to a matter so vital as
the Post Office strike, remarks the
"North China Daily News" of
March 24. The maintenance of an
adequate postal service in a large
community such as this, with its
important business interests, is as
much a matter of concern for the
local authorities as the continu-
ance of other public utilities. For
two or three days no mail has been
delivered and none despatched
abroad, and the mails are the very
life blood of business in Shanghai.
Cargo, we presume, is coming to
hand, delivery delayed because of
the documents being held up;
goods are leaving the port to
arrive at their destina-
tions before ever the appro-
priate papers get there. There are
ships to carry the mails, the mails
are here, and there is adequate
labour available to spoil this at-
tempt of the Communist elements to
cripple the business of this port. It
is no concern of ours how long
Chinese mail is held up, but one
of the undertakings of the Govern-
ment has given was that an
adequate postal service should be
maintained. If the Government,
because of its existence or non-exis-
tence, because of its ability or lack
of ability, cannot carry out that
guarantee which it gave on the
abolition of foreign post offices in
China, then it is time the foreigners
gave another demonstration of their
efficiency and, so far as their own
mails are concerned, ran the thing
themselves. No blame can fairly
attach to the Postal Commissioner
for this rupture of communications.
We fully understand that, as an of-
ficial, he is unable to proceed with
the organisation of strike breaking,
but there are other people who can,
and it seems to be up to the local
authorities, consular or council as
the case may be, to intervene.
Volunteer labour is available, and
the more we prove ourselves inde-
pendent of those gentlemen so
eager to disrupt the commerce of
this important city, the sooner shall
we regain a normal condition of
things. Surely it is time to warn
the Chinese postal authorities that,
if they cannot carry on there are
those who can and will do so.

28,700 OF THEM.

FROTH BLOWERS SWEEP
ENGLAND.

WOMEN AS "FAIRY BELLES."

London, Feb. 21.
The Ancient Order of Froth
Blowers has swept England from
one end to another in the last three
weeks, following the descriptions of
this cheery order of charity and
good-fellowship in the "Daily
Mail."

The membership, which had
reached 200,000 on January 27, had
leapt to 287,000 by Saturday, and
in the previous eight days no fewer
than 88,000 sets of cuff-links and
books of rules had been sent out
to new blowers.

Rarely before has a charitable
scheme made such an appeal.
Little groups of miners and pen-
sioners, and others are forming
clubs into which they pay 3d. a
week, and are drawing each week
to decide who shall become a mem-
ber with the 5s. collected.

Third of a Village.
Fitteworth, in Sussex, has be-
come a village of Froth Blowers,
with no fewer than 200 members in
its population of 600 odd.

The Froth Blowers' Anthem, with
its rousing chorus of "The more we
are together the merrier we'll be,"
has become one of the most popu-
lar songs of the moment.

Mr. Bert Temple, the City man
who organised the order to help a
charity for East End waifs and
strays in which Sir Alfred Frigg,
the surgeon, is interested—as a
token of thanksgiving to Sir
Alfred for saving his life—told a
"Daily Mail" reporter on Saturday:
"The order is particularly strong in
India, Africa, Persia, and the
Malay States. A good many people
in Australia have joined lately."

The recently established order of
"Fairy Belles" for women, is
making rapid headway and has
about 20,000 members.

H.M.S. "PINAFORE."

DRESS REHEARSAL LAST
NIGHT.

Following up their success with
the "Pirates of Penzance," the local
Philharmonic Society are presenting
to-morrow night "H.M.S. Pinafore,"
and last night the final dress re-
hearsal was held, the services (the latter
at special request) attending.

In view of the fact that the at-
mosphere of the "house" is absent
from dress rehearsals and that
principals and chorus alike give of
their best at the actual perform-
ance, it would be unfair to com-
ment on last night's performance
other than to state that in spite of
the absence of Mr. Bowes Smith
there are some promising singers
and actors among those in the cast
and there is promise of an enter-
taining evening. Mrs. Gilbert and
Sullivan loved during the coming
series of performances.

YANGTSE DANGERS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

SHANGHAI'S FUTURE.

Labour Still Harping On Negotiations.

London, March 30. China was again prominent in questions in the House of Commons to-day. Comdr. Kenworthy (Labour) asked whether negotiations had yet opened with the Chinese Nationalist Government as regards the future of the International Settlement at Shanghai.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, Foreign Secretary, replied in the negative, and when Comdr. Kenworthy asked whether it was intended to open negotiations as soon as possible, Sir Austen Chamberlain replied: "The moment is not propitious for negotiations."

Col. J. C. Wedgwood (Labour) asked if this meant that there had been no change in policy in connection with a pacific settlement of these questions.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, amid loud Ministerial cheers, replied: "The purpose of the policy of His Majesty's Government remains unchanged. The execution of that policy must depend on circumstances."

Sir Austen Chamberlain told Mr. H. W. Looker (Conservative) that the question of taking special precautions, if necessary, at Tientsin was under consideration.

He added that he had seen a telegram embodying the views of the Bar Committee of Shanghai.—Reuter.

TROOPS FROM INDIA.

Lord Birkenhead On The "Loan."

London, March 30. In the course of a lengthy survey of the situation in India in the House of Lords, the Secretary for India, Lord Birkenhead, referring to the despatch of troops from India to China, said the Government of India recognised that by lending troops from the Indian garrison at present we were facing a certain risk.

He believed it was a reasonable risk, but only so long as the occasion was temporary.

On the other hand Lord Birkenhead pointed out that should certain contingencies unhappily arise, the Army in India would not suffice for the defence of India and reinforcements would have to be obtained from the Imperial Army.—Reuter.

FRENCH AT HANKOW.

Women and Children Not Evacuated.

Paris, March 30. The "Quai d'Orsay" publishes a telegram from the French Minister at Peking saying that there have been no disorders in the French Concession at Hankow whence the women and children have not been evacuated.—Reuter.

AMERICAN WARSHIPS.

Six Sail From Manila For China.

Manila, March 26. Six destroyers of the Asiatic Fleet squadron, have steamed out of Manila Bay for China, during the past 36 hours. The last three to leave were the "Bulmer," the "Parrot," and the "Edsall." They lifted anchor at 10 a.m. yesterday.

The "Bulmer" is under orders to go direct to Amoy, while the "Edsall" will steam to Swatow. The "Parrot" has been assigned to duty in front of Foochow.

The first of the six warships to leave Manila were the "Pillsbury," the "Ford" and the "Perry." They left the harbour at 10 p.m. on Thursday, under orders to report to Rear Admiral Williams, Commander-in-Chief of the Asiatic Fleet, at Shanghai.

The departure of the six destroyers leaves five now with the squadron in Philippine waters. They are the "MacLeish," "McCormick" and the "Simpson," of the 39th Division, and the "Pope" and "Truxton," of the 43rd. All five have been in the harbour but a few days, having returned from Shanghai where they were on duty for several weeks. The boats are now undergoing minor repairs and will be ready to return to China in a few days.

EARLIER MESSAGES.

Closing of the Hankow Banks.

London, March 30. The "Daily News," in a leader, referring to the general evacuation of the British from the principal towns on the Yangtse, says the closing of the banks and paralysis of trade, will grievously injure British and other foreign interests, but if prolonged any length of time, stagnation would be disastrous to the Cantonese and the economic life of the Chinese nation. "It may not be at all a bad thing to teach them the stern practical lesson as to their inability to do without the foreigner at all."—Reuter.

LAND FORCES.

PREPARATORY COMMISSION'S DECISIONS.

FIXING OF THE QUOTAS.

Geneva, March 30.

After a lengthy discussion for limiting land forces, the Preparatory Disarmament Committee finally arrived at agreement laying down the maximum home forces, the maximum overseas forces stationed in the mother country, the total forces in the mother country, the overseas forces, and the maximum total land forces of a high contracting party.

Each high contracting party may, within the maximum limits fixed, and should conditions affecting its security so require, modify the distribution of the said forces between its home territories and its overseas territories, any modification of distribution to be shown in the annual statements.—Reuter.

CLAIMS AGAINST MEXICO.

Rugby, March 30.

A convention had been concluded between the British and Mexican Governments for the adjustment of pecuniary claims for losses incurred by British subjects in Mexico on account of revolutionary acts which occurred between November 1919 and May 1920. Claims of this kind are to be submitted to a commission composed of a British and Mexican and a neutral member.—British Wireless Service.

SALE OF AN ISLAND.

PURCHASE BY A SHANGHAI CORPORATION.

Manila, March 2.

Fuga Island, a dot on the map between the Philippines and Formosa, will change hands in the near future if the owner can establish his title to it. The Shanghai Realty Corporation will complete the purchase of it, according to Mr. J. J. Danon, a Manila broker, if the title can be cleared up. Reports were current sometime ago that the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha Co. had been approached by Mr. Danon, but that they had refused to buy it.

Fuga Island is only a few miles from the coast of Luzon, and though undeveloped is considered of potential military and naval importance. At present cattle are raised on it, and a certain amount of timber is cut.

Mr. Vicente Masigan, the owner, is a descendant of an old Spanish family which was granted the island by the Spanish crown in the 18th century. He has Torrens title to a part of it, and claims the rest by virtue of the Royal grant and the fact that he has paid taxes on it for many years.

Entire Withdrawal.

Shanghai, March 30.

The seriousness with which the authorities view the up-river situation is indicated in receipt of official messages stating that the British and American communities, consuls and gunboats are withdrawing entirely from Chungking, Ichang and Changsha owing to trade being at a standstill, and "because recent events have shown that the situation may at any moment get out of control thus endangering the lives of foreigners."—Reuter.

Shanghai Barricades.

Shanghai, March 30.

The International Settlement Defence authorities are erecting a barbed wire barrier the entire length of the Avenue Edward the Seventh.—Reuter.

[This apparently means that the efforts to have the French Concession and the International Settlement placed under one command have failed.]

French Premier's Statement.

Paris, March 30.

According to "Le Matin," M. Briand described to the Council of Ministers yesterday the actual situation of the French Settlement in Shanghai.

He denied alarmist rumours, and stressed that no event had yet happened which might induce France to give up her expectant neutral policy.—Havas.

Japanese Evacuation.

Shanghai, March 30.

A Japanese source at Hankow reports that on March 29, soldiers in muff, pickets and ruffians were over-running the city.

Japanese women and children are being evacuated by the first available steamer.—Reuter.

Chiang and Nanking.

Shanghai, March 30.

In the course of an interview, Chiang Kai-shek, asked what he was going to do relative to the Nanking affair, said he was now investigating it.—Reuter.

Right to Arm.

In an interview, Marshal

Chiang Kai-shek, after declaring that he "completely recognised" the Central Executive Committee at Hankow, was asked if he approved of the Shanghai Labour Union carrying arms. He said, "Yes, they've a right to arm for self-protection."—Reuter.

\$66,445 MORE.

VOTES FOR THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

COLONY'S 1927 ESTIMATES.

Five more items totalling \$66,445 have been added to the list for consideration to-day by the Finance Committee, after the meeting of the Legislative Council.

Proposed votes were detailed yesterday of \$20,801 to supplement the 1926 Budget and \$11,186 to supplement the 1927 Estimates.

The five later ones are also for this year. Four of them can be met wholly or in part by savings under other sub-heads and all four are for Public Works Extraordinary on the mainland.

Chief Justice's Salary. The other is for \$7,200, being acting salary for the acting Chief Justice (His Honour Mr. J. R. Wood) and comes under personal emoluments for the Supreme Court. The Government explanation reads:—

Provision was made in the Estimates for \$118,587.

The amount asked for is the difference of amounts of acting and vested salaries for the Judges, occasioned by the leave of absence of Sir Henry Gollan.

(It has not been customary hitherto to make provision for acting salaries in the annual Estimates.)

Knowlton Bay. The four P.W.D. votes are explained thus (as quoted in the message of H. E. the Governor to the Finance Committee):—

Knowlton Bay, west reclamation \$11,856:—

This sum is required to pay an outstanding account for work done during 1926, and as it was expected that the account would be settled before the end of the year no provision was made in this year's Estimates. The payment was held up pending the settlement of the contractor's claims, involving this and other contracts. The claims have now been waived, and this account should be paid.

The unexpended balance for this work in 1926 was \$60,000. [The above is to be met from savings.]

Work Done Last Year. Ma-tau-chung training and diverting nullah \$13,027:—

This sum is required to pay an outstanding account for work done during 1926, and as it was expected that the account would be settled before the end of the year no provision was made in this year's Estimates. The payment was held up pending the settlement of the contractor's claims, involving this and other contracts. The claims have now been waived, and this account should be paid.

The unexpended balance for this work in 1926 was \$21,500. [The above is to be met from savings.]

Same as the Others. Shek-lai-pui Reservoir and contingent works \$24,362:—

This sum is required to pay for work done in 1926 and also includes \$5,000 retention money held during the maintenance period which expired on June 30, 1926, when all outstanding moneys should have been paid. No provision was made in this year's Estimates as it was expected that this outstanding account would be settled before the end of 1926. The payment was held up pending the settlement of the contractor's claims, involving this and other contracts. The claims have now been waived, and this account should be paid.

The unexpended balance for this work in 1926 was \$24,120.28. [The above is to be met from savings.]

Also Waterworks. Beacon Hill, catchment extension \$10,000:—

This sum represents retention money held during the maintenance period which expired on June 30, 1926, at which date all outstanding moneys should have been paid. No provision was made in this year's Estimates as it was expected that this payment would be made before the end of 1926.

The payment however was held up pending the settlement of the contractor's claims, involving this and other contracts. The claims have now been waived, and this account should be paid.

The unexpended balance in 1926 was \$7,808.69. [The above is to be met from savings.]

"WRETCHED" HOARDINGS.

Action by Kent County Council.

So many advertisements disfiguring the landscape have been displayed on hoardings throughout Kent in recent years that the County Council, at the request of many of the inhabitants, have adopted new by-laws. These prohibit the use of any advertisement which "disfigures or injuriously affects the amenities of public parks or pleasure promenades, which disfigures the view of rural scenery from any highway, or railway, or from any public place or village, or which disfigures the amenities of any historic or public buildings or monument."

The object of the County Council is to preserve, as far as possible, the beauty of Kent landscape from what one councillor described as "these wretched trade advertisements." The announcement that the by-laws were contemplated, has already led to the withdrawal of a large number of advertisements.

A "VILE" ATTACK.

Lord Birkenhead on China.

REPLY TO MR. WHEATLEY.

The Earl of Birkenhead, Secretary of State for India, delivered a severe attack on a certain member of the Government of India, who, on China when speaking at a breakfast luncheon at Liverpool.

Lord Birkenhead said that he gave any reassurance as to the prospect of events in China, which is plain and indisputable, he continued, "that behind the forces which are attempting to undermine the British position and British prestige in Chinese affairs, ostensibly refusing to antagonise any other Power than Great Britain, are the same elements proceeding from the same nation which made such desperate efforts to make the coal strike successful. We find not a ground of suspicion, but as a matter of open and boastful statement by men, who are officially entitled to speak on behalf of the Union of Soviet Republics, that they claim that they and they alone are animating the forces in China which are attempting by every means in their power to render the position of the British people in China intolerable."

I read a few days ago that Mr. Wheatley, who is a Privy Councillor and held Cabinet rank in the late Labour Government, spoke disparagingly of our fellow-citizens in China, and asked how many of them belonged to the working classes. I regard as vile a man who asks of Englishmen or Englishwomen to what class they belong. I hold the man vile whether he draws distinction in favour of wealth or the working classes.

"It was our pride and boast in the days before Mr. Wheatley and men like him, that all those were English who stood for England, and that no English life should be imperilled without the resources of the Empire being invoked for their assistance. It can be assumed that the British community in China is there for commercial purposes. It is important that we should trade with that country of 400,000,000 people. If a calculation were made on a statistical basis of the amount of money that comes into the country as a result of the business exertions of English merchants in China, or of the degree of employment found thereby for the working-classes in this country, I assure you that the figures would be astonishing. Yet we are told that it is a matter of indifference to these English people in China what happens at Shanghai. Apparently being satisfied that the number of British working-men involved is negligible, we can relieve ourselves of any anxiety about them. I read in to-day's papers that the Communist party in Great Britain has noted the fact that twenty agitators have been decapitated. Having in my varied life been a judge for some years, I need not be expected to express an opinion on the justice of the decision which involved these unfortunate men with a fate so unhappy and so decisive. The Communist champions of the Labour party of Great Britain conclude with the indictment that the murderous Baldwin Government were responsible for the decapitation of these trade unionists. In all my thirty years of English political life, and having become accustomed to abuse, never have I heard such a surprising charge made."

Probate has been granted in the Supreme Court in respect of local estate valued at \$14,200 (the property of the late Mr. John Bernard Moore, formerly a wireless instructor with Butterfield and Swire). Deceased leaves the estate to his widow in Hull, England.

STORM'S LEGACY.

NEW TERRITORIES ROADS SUFFER.

TWO SECTION BOULDERS.

A heavy rainstorm of Tuesday night continued during Wednesday morning, and has left a considerable amount of water along the roads.

At the junction of between the two roads, a precipitated boulder, weighing about 100 lbs., was washed out to the side of the road. The boulder was not necessitated to be removed, as the road was clear of it. The two boulders, however, of a car's passage, with careful manoeuvring and the wash-outs are not serious. Clearing work is progressing.

The death is reported from Ootacamund of Mr. E. W. Fritchley, owner of several buildings and estates in the Nilgiris. He was the architect of the Taj Mahal Hotel of Bombay and numerous other buildings.

After being in the thick of Straits politics and business for nearly thirty years, an unofficial member of the Legislative Council for ten years, and chairman of the Singapore Chamber of Commerce up to the time of his departure, the Hon. Mr. John Mitchell, a director of Harisons, Barker, and Co., has left the Colony on retirement.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

March 31—Queen's Theatre: "Success."

March 31—World Theatre: "The Siren Shakes."

March 31—Star Theatre: "The Beautiful Cheat"; and "Cornered."

April 1, 2, 4, 8, 9—Theatre Royal: "H.M.S. Pinafore." 8.30 p.m.

April 6—Theatre Royal: "H.M.S. Pinafore." Matinee, 4.30 p.m.

April 2—Inter-Services Regatta of Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club.

March 31—Meeting of Simplex Plaster Co., Ltd., Powell's Bldg., 3 p.m.

April 1—Hong Kong Automobile Assn. meeting, Messrs. Jardine Matheson's offices, 5.30 p.m.

April 6—Annual meeting of the H.K. Baseball Assn. at the American Consulate-General, 5.30 p.m.

April 8—Third annual meeting of H.K. & Territorial Estates, Ltd., St. George's Bldg., 2.30 p.m.

April 21—Second Meeting of China Light & Power Co., Ltd., 11.30 a.m.

Lammer's Auctions.

March 31—At No. 4 Highburgh Terrace, H.K. & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., household furniture will be auctioned, at 10 a.m.

April 1—Auction of steam launch "Fee Hang" by Messrs. Lammer Bros., 3.30 p.m.

March 31—Theosophical Society's weekly lecture, 7 Duddell St., 6 p.m.

April 1—Annual dinner of Artillery Co., of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps at Volunteer Headquarters, 8 p.m.

April 2—Distribution of prizes of St. Stephen's College, in Great Hall of University, 7.30 p.m.

April 2—Annual dinner of Queen's College Old Boys' Association, College Hall, 8 p.m.



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The Automobile Association's
annual meeting is down for 8.30
p.m. at Messrs. Jardine's board
room to-morrow.One Chinese case of small-pox
was notified on Wednesday from
Aberdeen village. There was also
a British case of diphtheria from the
Kowloon district.The King has sent congratula-
tions to the South African boys
who won the royal trophy in the
miniature rifles shooting competi-
tions for boys of the Empire. The
scores by 2,000 boys averaged
79,082 out of a possible 100 points.When four Gateshead girls, aged
from 13 to 18, were remanded in
custody for a week on a charge of
shop lifting, their relatives said
that they were "dancing mad."
Detective-Inspector Peaks stated
that an hour after their arrest they
were all dancing the Charleston in
their cell and enjoying themselves.The alleged American Govern-
ment decision to raise the import
tariff on pig iron by 50 per cent. is
causing not a little uneasiness to
the general Japanese steel enter-
prisers, who feel that the above
American decision will drive Indian
pig iron into the Japanese market
to the serious disturbance of the
domestic steel market. As the
Government authorities in Tokyo
are determined now to leave exist-
ing pig iron tariff untouched, the
Japanese steel makers interested
are going to sit in a general con-
ference in the near future to con-
sider their counter policy.Says the "Malay Mail": "Our
Singapore contemporary, the
"Straits Times" reproducing, in an
"Occasional Note," the anthem of
the Froth-blowers' Association,
pleads complete ignorance of the
serious side... of the Associa-
tion which justifies its existence."
As a matter of fact, the Froth-
blowers' Association is a charita-
ble organisation which, founded
comparatively recently by one of
the most eminent of London medi-
cal men, has already contributed
many thousands of pounds to the
funds of a leading London hospital.
Its ritual belongs to the sort of
juvenile fun that appeals to the
boyish spirit that lingers, or should
linger, in every healthy grown-up
male.The Philharmonic Society's
presentation of "H.M.S. Pinafore"
opens at the Theatre Royal at 9.30
p.m. to-morrow.The "Daily Mail's" Johannes-
burg correspondent cables that a
39 carat diamond, pure white, and
perfect in shape, has been found at
Lichtenburg (Transvaal) dig-
gings. The gem is valued at 25,500.St. Stephen's College new term
(summer) begins on April 4 on
which day an examination for new
boys will be held at 9 a.m. Appli-
cations should be made to Prospect
Place, Bonham Road.Nos. 44, 44A and 44B Lyndhurst
Terrace and Nos. 45 and 47 Coch-
rane Street were sold at the China
Auction Rooms yesterday, Mr. Pun
Chin-wo being the purchaser for
\$108,000 (an increase of \$18,000 on
the upset price).Open to the Scottish Company
of the Hong Kong Volunteer De-
fence Corps (for Inter-Platoon
competition), the Quarry Bay Cup
(presented by Mr. G. M. Young)
will be competed for at Volunteer
Headquarters on April 30 at 4 p.m.
Details will be issued later. Points
are given for attendance throughout
the training season and for actual
competitions on the day fixed. No.
7 (City) Platoon are holders.A gardener at Scalscleugh, a
Cumberland mansion, has unearthed
a gold coin bearing a finely
struck portrait of Emperor Nero,
with a figure of Jupiter on the re-
verse side. Scalscleugh is five
miles from Carlisle, lying on the
Roman road which led southward
from Hadrian's Wall. The dis-
coveries made there include a terra
cotta tile stamped with the title
of the ninth Roman Legion.The law which compels a coron-
er's jury to view the body was
strongly condemned by Mr. W.
Huntbach, the Hanley coroner.
He said that he and the jury had
just been compelled to view three
bodies in order to comply with a
most ridiculous law. It was a use-
less, dangerous, and inhuman prac-
tice, and he could truthfully say,
after many years' experience, that
he had never known one case where
it had been in the least helpful.
He was sorry to think that in the
twentieth century a House of Com-
mons which was supposed to be
enlightened had passed an Act of
Parliament perpetuating this cruel
and senseless practice.Mr. A. H. Crook is to give a
lantern lecture on "Japan" at the
Sailors' and Soldiers' Home at 8
p.m. to-morrow.Malta, that country which is of
such great interest to philatelists,
has issued a new line-engraved 10s.
stamp, with script watermark,
which is likely to be in great de-
mand by collectors. The stamp
depicts St. Paul preaching on the
shore, and was issued on the eve of
the national feast of "St. Paul's
Shipwreck." This is the highest
value stamp that this country
contemplates issuing.During the renovation of the
General Staff building, Warsaw, in
a room which was occupied at one
time during the war by the Russian
Intelligence Department and after-
wards by a German military depart-
ment, a safe was found concealed
in a wall. When it was opened it
was found to contain more than 120
pounds weight of pure gold (pro-
bably worth 26,000). The gold
was removed to the State Bank.The King received at Bucking-
ham Palace a party of officers and
non-commissioned officers of the
West India Regiment, which has
been disbanded, in order to take
surrender of their colours. The
King accepted custody of the
colours, shook hands with each of
the party, and delivered to them a
brief address expressive of regret
that it had been found necessary to
disband the regiment, and of his
grateful thanks for their loyal and
devoted service.A steady fall in the water level
of the huge natural reservoir which
lies beneath London is constantly
increasing the difficulties of en-
gineers who have to sink wells. A
striking example of the failure of
this water supply is provided by
the fountains in Trafalgar-square.
Three wells to supply the fountains
were sunk in 1847. They also
supplied water to the Houses of
Parliament, several Government
buildings, and Millbank Prison. By
1913 two of the wells were dry be-
cause of the fall of the water level.
The third was retained for the ex-
clusive supply of the fountains.
Now, with the further fall of the
water level, the Metropolitan Board
has been called upon to provide an
additional supply.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

In addition to the local residents
mentioned on this page yesterday
as having left the Colony by the
"Empress of Canada" there were
several others on the ship when she
sailed yesterday afternoon. These
included Mr. W. H. Peters, Captain
F. K. Brennan, Colonel R. Morgan,
Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Dick, Mr. and
Mrs. J. McKelvie and two daugh-
ters, Mr. E. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. J.
Castro.The following deaths were an-
nounced at Home in mail week:—
Mr. William Millard, a former
mayor of Denbigh and later of
Newcastle, at The Beeches, New-
castle, aged 68; Rev. James Goldie
minister at Bexley Heath (Kent),
Congregational Church for 52
years; at Eltham, aged 86; and Mrs.
Balford Pym, who made various
gifts to the city of Norwich and to
Norfolk, including Woodlands
Park.Head coachman to Queen Alexan-
dra for many years Mr. William
Charles Westover has died at his
home at South Weston, West Nor-
folk, where he had lately lived in
retirement. He succeeded in his
father, who had been formerly
coachman to Queen Adelaide, con-
sult of William IV, and subse-
quently became coachman to King
Edward and Queen Alexandra when
they were Prince and Princess of
Wales.The good wishes of his congrega-
tion were expressed to the Rev. H.
Johnston, of Union Church, Kow-
loon, on Tuesday when a concert
was held prior to the departure of
short leave. Among those contri-
buting were Madame Winifred
Taylor, a graduate of the London
Academy of Music; Dr. J. Mc-
Condliss, of the John Kerr Hospi-
tal; Canton, Mr. A. Chapman, the
Choir Leader, and Mrs. Jenner.
The Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald ex-
pressed the congregation's wishes
for a happy and healthful holiday.
The serving of light refreshments
was superintended by Mrs. Nelson,
Mrs. A. Mackenzie and Mrs.
Watson.Lord Bearsted, who succeeded to
the title on the death on January
17 of his father, founder of the
Shell Transport and Trading Com-
pany, has bought the Upton House
estate, on Edgell, near Banbury.
The estate consists of a 17th-
century mansion and 800 acres of
land. The vendor is Mr. Andrew
Morton and the sale has been car-
ried through by Messrs. John D.
Wood and Co. Lord Bearsted
owns the adjoining Sun Rising
estate. It was on the site of Upton
House estate that the battle of
Edgell was fought in 1042. King
Charles watched the battle, which
was fought for a great charge by
Prince Rupert.Miss P. M. Donnell of the Union
Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd.,
was one of the passengers on the
"Empress of Canada," which left
Hong Kong yesterday afternoon.Accompanied by Mrs. Humphreys,
Mr. Henry Humphreys (principal
of Messrs. John D. Humphreys &
Sons) were on home leave yester-
day, sailing on the "Empress of
Canada."Mr. S. H. Garrod has been trans-
ferred by the Canadian Pacific
Steamships, Ltd. to Japan, sailing
from Hong Kong yesterday on the
"Empress of Canada" with Mr.
W. T. Daley of the local passenger
office.The Artillery Company of the
Hong Kong Volunteer Defence
Corps held their annual dinner at
Volunteer Headquarters to-morrow
at 8 p.m. Will all those intending
to be present send in their names
to Mr. T. A. Marth (phone Cen-
tral 75) if they have not already
done so?On his return from the China
station Prince George, at once be-
gan to look round for a motor-car
—all the members of the Royal
Family are passionately fond of
motoring. He was assisted in his
choice by the King and Queen, and
has now received delivery of a
closed car.Dr. Laurence Pullar, Perthshire,
late of Robert Pullar and Sons,
manufacturers of satins and um-
brella cloths, left in addition to
real estate, personal estate value
for probate at 2520,509. Mr.
James Gourlay Macpherson, Glas-
gow, merchant, left 278,277, and
Mr. Robert N. Farquharson, Boye
Tracey, Devon, 231,142.The wife of the late Mr. T. W.
Robertson, superintendent engineer
of the Wharf & Godown Co. and of
the "Star" Ferry Co., Mrs. B.
Robertson left Hong Kong yester-
day on the "Empress of Canada" to
return to her home in Canada. She
has been away from the Colony for
a few years and recently came back
to spend a holiday here with her
son and daughter.Shanghai papers record the death
of Mrs. W. C. Foster—wife of Mr.
W. C. Foster of the British Ameri-
can Tobacco Co. (China) Ltd.,
which took place at the Country
Hospital, Shanghai, on March 23.
After a long and severe illness, Mr.
Foster who has just completed 20
years residence in Shanghai is well-
known to almost the whole com-
munity but Mrs. Foster was less
out and was married there in 1911.
She was possibly not so well known,
preferring to devote her life en-
tirely to home and children.The following deaths were an-
nounced at Home in mail week:—
Rev. William Dawes Driver, rector
of Leybourne, Kent, formerly a
corn factor and afterwards vicar of
All Saints, Chatham, and Gilling-
ham, Kent, and a former Mayor of
Chatham, aged 67; Eva Lady Seton,
widow of Sir William Samuel
Seton, Bart., found unconscious at
her house in Goldington-road, Bed-
ford, and died in hospital; and Rev.
Frederick George Stapleton, vicar
of Seamer, Scarborough, for 40
years.By the death of Viscount Elibank,
of Elibank, Selkirkshire, which took
place in his London home, there
disappears one of the oldest mem-
bers of the House of Lords. He
was born in 1840, succeeded his
father as tenth baron in 1871, and
was made first viscount in 1911.
His eldest son was the Liberal
Whip, Mr. Murray of Elibank, who
was raised to the peerage as Lord
Murray of Elibank in 1912. He
died in 1920 and that title became
extinct. Viscount Elibank's second
son was killed on the South African
War, and the title now passes to
the third son, Mr. Gideon Murray,
Master of Elibank, who has held
responsible positions in the Colonial
Service and at home. He was
Unionist M.P. for St. Rollox, Glas-
gow, 1913-22. The late viscount en-
tered the Navy in 1864, served in
the China War, 1860, and in the
Jamaica Rebellion in 1865, retiring
with the rank of commander. In
1870, he married Blanche Alice,
eldest daughter of Mr. E. J. Scott,
of Southsea, and there were eleven
children of the marriage.The deep sympathies of the Royal
family in all that affects the sick
and ailing is proverbial. The King
and Queen pay frequent visits to
the hospitals, often informally, and
many are the stories which arise
therefrom. On the occasion of
Their Majesties' recent visit to the
London Hospital, a formal one on
this occasion, there was much ex-
citement in the children's wards,
but one little three-year-old patient,
Nancy Greenall, suffered a severe
disappointment. Nancy had just
been telling a little boy in the next
cot about kings and queens and how
they wore "big golden crowns, long
trains and sat on gold chairs..."
when Their Majesties entered the
wards. Attracted by Nancy's golden
curls and blue eyes, the Queen went
straight to her cot. "Where's your
golden crown?" Nancy asked the
Queen severely, amid her tears. It
took both the King and the Queen
to comfort the little mite. Shortly
after this incident the King paid
a visit to the Nurse-Catallina
wards, and there "gold something"
which must be news to many people
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"This place where Nurse Catallina
was shot. She was shot from behind.
She was sitting in a chair and was
shot in the back."

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Series of despatches from Nanking, describing acts of heroism in rescuing Britons and Americans from mobs.

This last week's events in China has roused world-wide interest to its highest pitch. It should be borne in mind that Postal services at Shanghai have been seriously interrupted by the strike. Intelligence from nearby ports will, therefore, be eagerly awaited.

BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE.

As usual, all the local news, China cables and expert comment from day to day have been printed in the "Overland."

As the supply is limited, copies should be obtained as soon as possible. Friends at Home will be expecting to hear more about the briefly-cabled but stirring incidents in which Britons were concerned, and they will be disappointed if they do not hear anything from friends out here.

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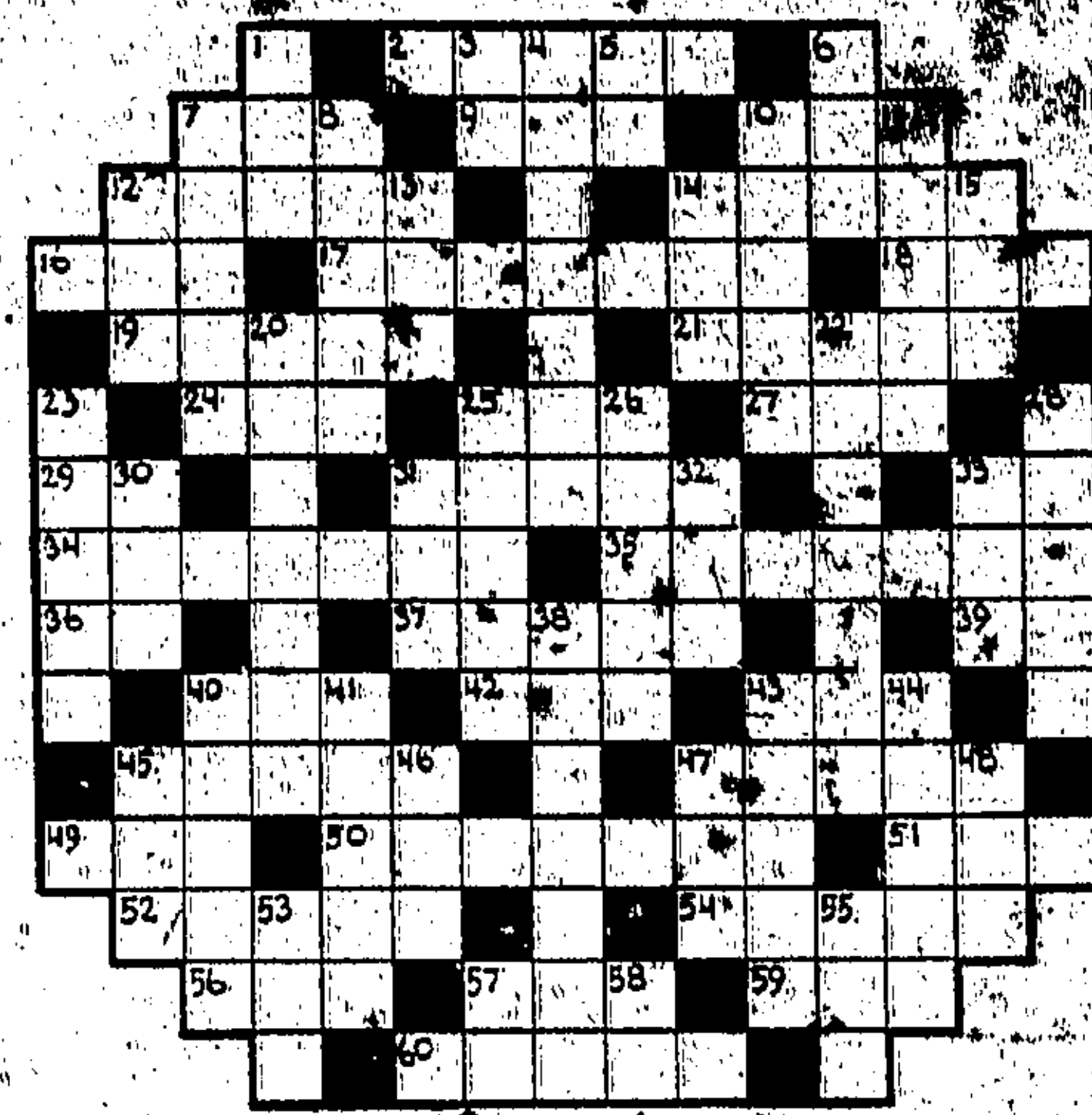
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by the editor, but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, place, and other.)



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HORIZONTAL

- 2-A gun
7-A spurt of liquid
9-Snare
10-Projection on a wheel
12-Heaven
14-Tote (colloq.)
16-Knock
17-Outline
18-Ever (contr.)
19-Swift
21-Speeds
24-Negative adverb
26-Marry
27-Measure of weight
28-Conjunction
31-Trouble
33-Evaluation
34-An extremist
35-Shellies dissolved in alcohol
36-Always
37-To argue
39-Con. State of U. S. (abbr.)
40-Lubricant
42-Crafty
43-Jewel

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 45-Former coin of Venice
47-A Roman ruler
48-Racket
50-To prep up
51-Speak
52-Player
53-Charge, as with a debt
55-Auditory organ
57-At this time
58-Pouch
59-Ministrals' clappers
60-Vertical
61-Small oak
63-Within
64-A plume
65-An army officer (abbr.)
66-On account of
67-An island empire
68-Implied
69-Unit of weight for jewels
71-A color
72-Equally
73-Inside the head
74-Mongrel

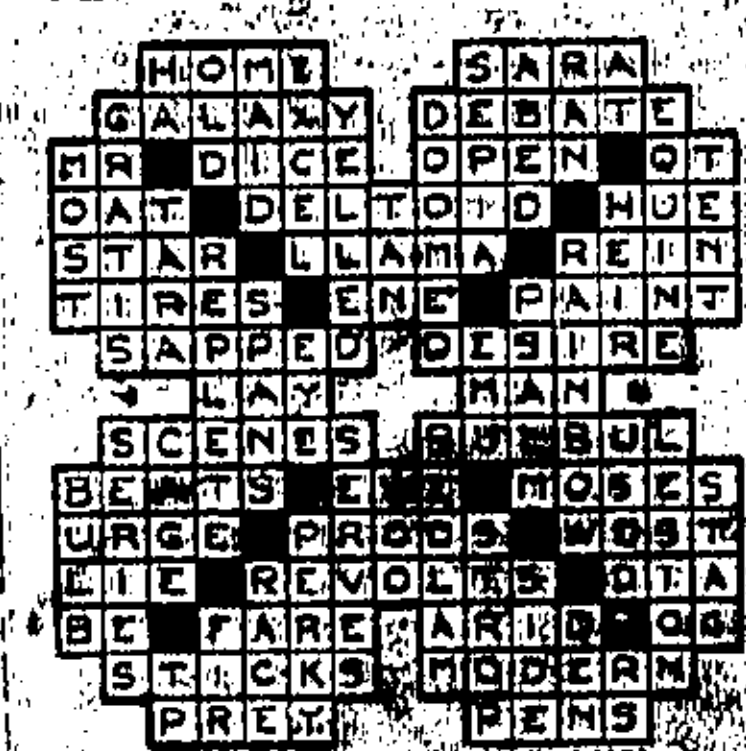
VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 15-Aye
20-Artful
22-Overcome
23-An antiseptic compound
25-Sides of a room
26-Minder
28-Tile of nobility
30-A beam of light
31-Cover
32-Mournful
33-Enclose
35-The act of dressing
37-Measure of weight
41-T-1
43-Process
44-Harmonious sounds
45-Prelix meaning "through"
46-High, pointed hill (England)
47-Gave food to
48-Rug
49-Children's game
50-Horse of a certain color
57-Nay
58-Pleasant

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
Start out by filling in the words of which you are reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and, in turn, to still others. A letter between each white space, words being placed in numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



pool until he consents to the marriage.
In a chapter on "rites," the professor happily says "In Argyleshire, when the health of bride and bridegroom is drunk, someone must throw a glass over their shoulder and break it for luck. At Newburgh, after the marriage ceremony, and just as the newly married couple are leaving the bride's house, a plate containing salt is, at some marriages, stealthily broken over the head of the bridegroom."
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PRIMITIVE RACES.

A BOOK ON TRIBAL DANCING.

Of recent years a vast amount of study is being devoted to the native races, their customs, superstitions, and their beliefs. Some weeks ago we called attention to an interesting volume on the subject, entitled "Tribal Dancing and Social Development" in which the author, Mr. W. D. Hamby, B.Sc., traced the growth of dancing among primitive races, showing that it was the essence of communal life, and was adopted both as social expression and a therapeutic measure. Mr. Hamby has followed that with a second large volume, entitled "Origins of Education among Primitive Peoples" (Macmillan), in which he shows that the very customs of these backward races indicate a creative genius of a very high order. He analyses in considerable detail the customs of different races, and traces back the source of inspiration in the first instance to the civilisation of ancient Egypt.

Another book of ethnological interest, but one for the specialist rather than the general reader, is "Mono-Alu Folklore," by Gerald Camden Wheeler, B.A. This book is a scientist's thesis for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, and while it is a very difficult book to read it contains a mass of interesting folklore of the natives of the Solomon Islands, indicating, as Mr. Hamby's books did, that both the customs and folklore had a definite creative meaning and use. Much in Mr. Wheeler's book endorses the views set out by Mr. Hamby that these native peoples are not really the primitive people, but inherited their culture and their customs from a common source. With the passage of time, however, the meaning has been lost and the custom has degenerated.

IN ANCIENT CITIES.

CIVILISATION OF OLD MAYA.

Dr. Thomas Gann, one of the foremost archaeologists of modern days, and the leading authority on matters dealing with the old Maya civilisation, has continued his fascinating accounts of exploration in the Maya lands of South America, in a book entitled "Ancient Cities and Modern Tribes" (Duckworth). Dr. Gann was the first man to find the ruins of Gobu, a great Maya city in the wilds of Yucatan. On the way thither he found a stone causeway that is still in sound condition in spite of the centuries that have passed since it was built; and he has found what is perhaps the largest cave in the world, in which he expects to make most important discoveries. He believes that as recently as a hundred years ago there were Indians who could read the Maya Hieroglyphs, which so far remain undecipherable. He is hopeful, however, of finding a key to them in his later explorations. For those interested in archaeology, "Ancient Cities and Modern Tribes" is a fascinating book, all the more interesting because of its clear and informative illustrations.

"IDLE" WRITERS.

Mr. Arnold Bennett has been accusing our younger writers of "idleness." He cannot mean, surely, that they don't produce enough books, as many, say, as Scott and Balzac did, writing continually under the lash of their creditors.

These were great men, but as great were others, like Flaubert or Stendhal, who published comparatively little, but who laboured nearly as hard with the polishing of their prose or the refinement of their ideas. Quantity has so little to do with it! Indeed, in the journey down to posterity, light baggage is the best equipment. We have enough novelists of the volume-a-month type. Let us encourage those who weigh less heavily upon the book reviewer.

LITERARY NOTES.

Mr. Philip Guedalla goes to America, where his "Palmerston," which is having a vogue at home, will be published by Putnam. While he is away a new volume will appear in the "Bunn series," "Curiosities of Politics," which he edits, and for which he wrote the "Palmerston." Its subject is "Disraeli," and the biographer is Mr. D. L. Murray, who has long made a study of him, and who endeavours to present him with "complete understanding." Other additions are being planned to the "Curiosities of Politics" series, which already includes St. John Eyre's "Parnell" and Mr. Shane Leslie's "George IV."

Mrs. Burnett-Smith, who is better known in the literary world as Annie Swan, had hoped to publish a novel of an unusual kind during the autumn. She has only, however, managed to finish it for the spring, when Hodder and Stoughton are to issue it under the title, "The Pendulum." It is an intimate and considered study of the growth, development, and extraordinary phases of experience through which so many individuals and families had to pass during the Great War. It is told in the form of a woman's diary, and besides presenting a picture of British family life it endeavours to depict that of the heart, as what really moulds most lives.

The Murrays were Byron's publishers, and naturally enough they give prominence to any new book about him which comes along. They have, for some months, had in hand a volume of selections from the poet's letters and journals. It has been edited by Mr. V. J. Collings, who has aimed to make it a running commentary on Byron's life and character, and in the form of a letter to the poet's letters, as "among the best in the language," and yet they are really not only available in Moore's biography of him, and in the definitive edition of his works which the Murrays published some years ago. Now "Lord Byron in His Letters" is completed.

Years ago there appeared a study of primitive marriage and of primitive thought in its bearing on marriage by Mr. Ernest Crawley, who entitled it "The Mystic Rose." It became one of the classics of anthropology and of primitive psychology, but it has been out of print, and only obtainable second-hand at a high premium. It is now being edited for a new edition, which Methuen will publish, by Mr. Theodore Besterman. He is retaining intact the original text, and has theories put forward by Mr. Crawley, but he gives the new evidence which has gathered during the past two decades. He also discusses the rival theories of psycho-analysis and such as those of psychology, and he is able to show that many of these later theories were anticipated in a detailed manner by this book.

The "Oxford Press" makes a wider sweep for literary things of interest than a private publishing house can do, and it announces a drama from Poland. It is called "Iridion," and it was written by Constant Zyznot Krasinski, a member of an aristocratic and wealthy Polish family, who lived from 1832 to 1888. His education was broad and cosmopolitan, and his tastes were literary and philosophic, and this is reflected in "Iridion," which first appeared in 1886. The substance of the drama is inspired by the destiny of Poland, whose national aspirations were crushed by the failure of the insurrection of 1830-31.

Baroness von Hutten has chosen from her works of recent years a volume of stories to which she gives the name "Flies," and which Mills and Boon will publish. They also promise a book of stories, "Grey Brother and Others," by Mrs. Dorothea Conway, who, in them, touches many sides of life. A third announcement is a romance by Mrs. Alice M. Williamson, "Sheik Bill," the title of the story, and the heroine is Sandra, who "sighed for a sheik, an Aga, or something," and so didn't wait for Bill—at first.

OMAR KHAYYAM.

TRANSLATION OF FRENCH VERSION.

About the time that Swinburne was endeavouring to induce British people to see the genius in Fitzgerald's famous translation of Omar Khayyam, Mr. J. B. Nicholas, the French interpreter at the Persian Court, published a French translation from a text which had been lithographed in Tehran. This version is much closer to the original than Fitzgerald's, which, of course, was merely a paraphrase. But the best line that Omar ever wrote was not equal to the worst that Fitzgerald translated for him. Mr. F. Dyson, of Sydney, has now translated the whole of the Nicholas version of 464 quatrains into English, and the book has been published, under the title of "The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam." It appears to be a very good translation of the French version; and the translation of M. Nicholas's notes and explanations are decidedly valuable to the English student. But it was Fitzgerald who made the reputation of Omar, and Mr. Dyson's volume, like the translation which he has copied, lacks all the charm of Fitzgerald. Nevertheless it is a decidedly interesting volume.

HISTORY OF MARRIAGE.

Trials of the Bachelor.

Now, ye bachelors, read and learn from the work of Professor Westermarck. This work, though it is properly a scientific treatise on marriage, in all the areas of mankind, is a most diverting book, not heavy, but even humorous in patches.

Now and again we hear of militant political economists loudly advocating a "bachelor tax." These people, it would appear, regard celibacy as a luxury—an attitude dangerous enough for any man, let alone a benedict. Assuming that all the men who advocate bachelor taxation are benedicts, it may be some consolation to them to learn from our professor that in many lands and tribes, the man or maid who stays single is regarded as anything but a subject for taxation. According to Fijian beliefs, he who eloped with a girl was in danger of being smashed to atoms by the god Nangananga, who always lay in ambush for such wretched fellows on the road to Paradise. Among the Santals of Bengal, the unhappy "Norman" is usually classed next to a thief or a witch; and a tribe in Burma discourages celibacy by awarding to the offenders comic funerals.

"There are three things that are unfilial," said Mencius, "and to have no posterity is the greatest of them." From earliest ages, this antagonism, which now takes the form of the taxation threat, has beset the unmarried; but it does not seem to arise from any really patriotic motive; rather it is caused by the fear that lingers in the mind from times remote—the dread of being forgotten, lost in a tomb with no one to tend it and cheer the lonely ghost at festivals!

For those who remain unmarried, through diffidence, or lack of experience, Professor Westermarck describes very fully the various modes of contracting a marriage, beginning with marriage by capture. It is still practised all over the world, even in Australia. Among primitive people the man is the hunter, and the girl, whose resistance is feigned as often as not, is usually carried off by her captor after some feast or dance, sometimes she is clubbed, but not often. On the other hand, in thoroughly Westernised communities, the man is often the hunted, and a particularly merciless huntress is the girl. In this respect, the Gars of Assam may be said to have achieved something beyond (7). Western standards: There, when the time for the ceremony approaches, the girl sends a party of relatives to the man's hut to "bring his in." On seeing them, the bridegroom hides, or sprouts for the tall timber and the dark mountains. He is pursued, and, before taken, is repeatedly ducked: in a

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